

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
SECURITY POLICE ENTRY CONTROL BUILDING
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3582)
Off Perimeter Road in Weapons Storage Area
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-AT

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Location: Off Perimeter Road in Weapons Storage Area, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621220.4945020
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1956

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Security Police Entry Control Building No. 2894, like that of smaller building, Building No. 3582, was an Air Force requirement for all alert and nuclear Weapon Storage Areas (WSA). It was designed and built for the specific purpose of controlling ingress into that highly secured area, thus providing the maximum level of security possible for some of the United State more sensitive nuclear and conventional weapons.

Project Information: Building 3582 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Security Police Entry Control Building (Building No. 3582)

Layout

Building No. 3582 is a 994 square-foot, one-story, flat roof building of concrete block construction. It is square in plan, measuring 22'-10 x 21'-8". The building is coated with a concrete or stucco wash coat and it is painted beige. Attached to this building are two one-story, concrete block storm sheds with flat roofs; one is located on the west façade and the other is on the south façade at the main entrance. Both storm sheds measure 6'-2" x 5'-5". The main entrance has a heavy metal door. Off the southeast corner of the building is a turnstile and chain-link fenced personnel entry; the entry is covered with a low-pitched gable roof. South of the personnel entry is a vehicle entry area that has two chain-link gates topped with barbed wire. The personnel entry gate is constructed to ensure that personnel pass the entry-controller/badge exchange point and enter the area interior singly while being under the positive control of the controller at all times. The vehicle entry area is constructed to ensure that when the outer gate is open, the inner gate remains closed. Both portal gates incorporate positive locking devices controlled from within the gatehouse.

Alterations/Additions

The fenced personnel entry has a gabled roof that was added circa 1984. The north wing of the building was demolished, date of demolition is unknown. Otherwise, there have been no alterations or additions made to Building No. 3582.

Function

Building No. 3582 was used to control ingress into the WSA.

Significance

The WSA housed many of the weapons most vital to the United States' national security. Accordingly, it was critical that the area is secured at all times, and that security not be breached at any time. Toward that end, Building No. 3582 was the area's first line of defense, and for that reason it was essential to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Cold War mission of nuclear deterrence of Soviet aggression. The SAC mission at Plattsburgh was highly classified so the extra effort for security was in place at this building.

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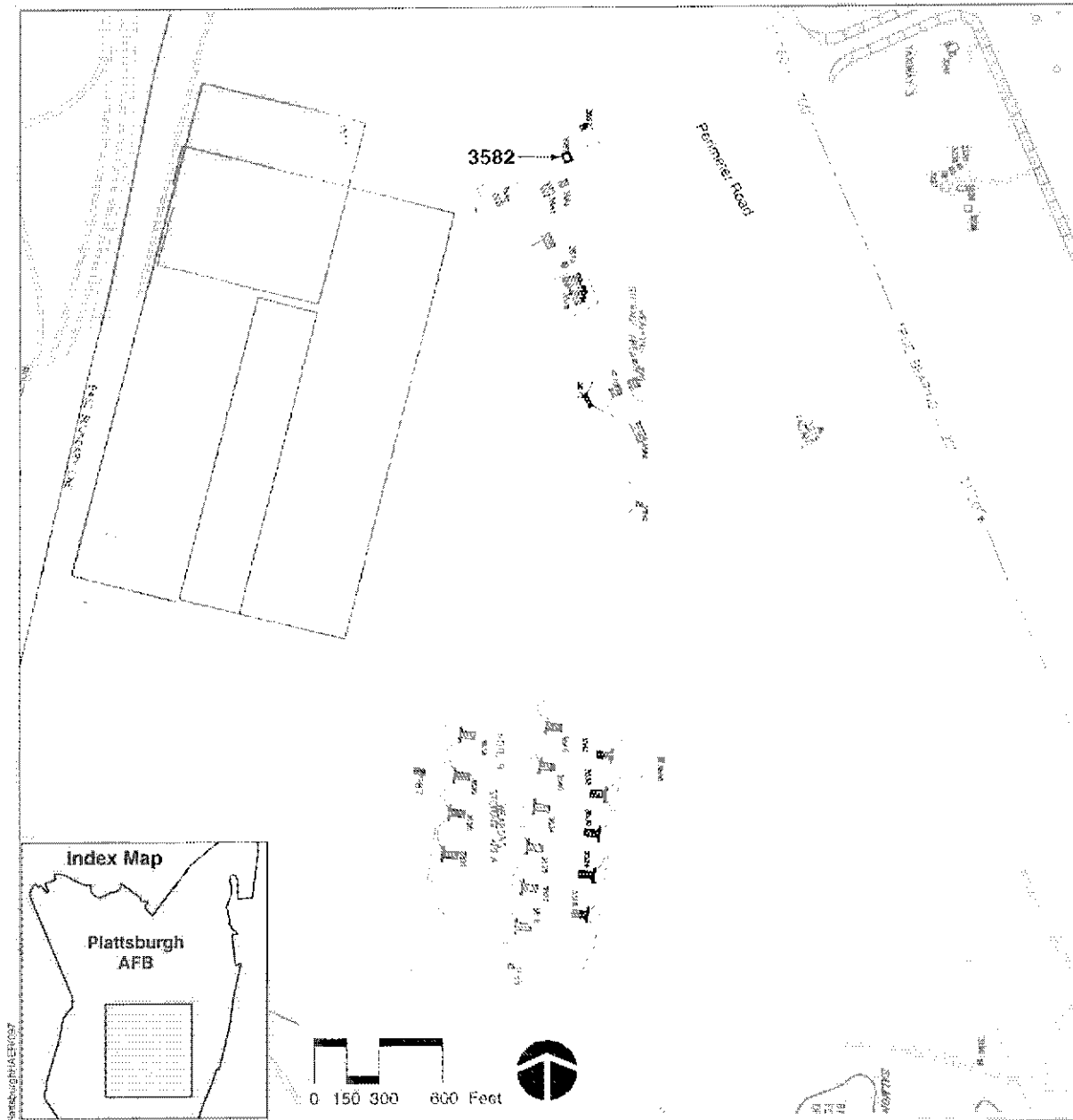
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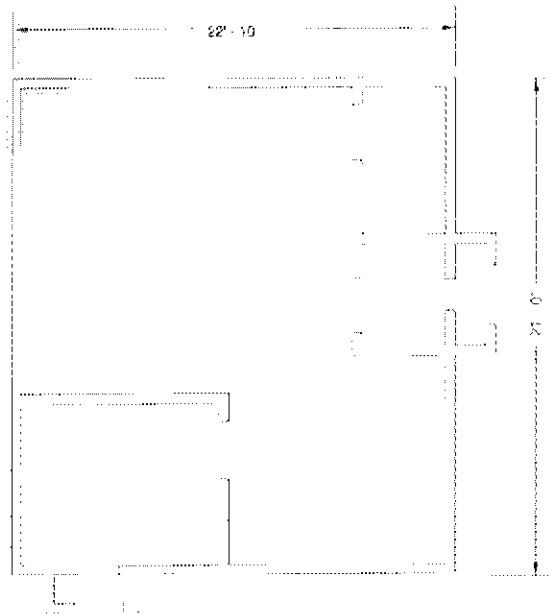
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